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LAWYERS FLORIDA J.D. STUDENTS STUDYING IN GRANADA

Granada students are preparing this week for Selectividad—a university entrance exam that will shape the lives of many young and future talents in our society. This exam is very important for students because it will help them choose a career and profession where they can use their skills to pursue individual interests to later become respected community leaders.

While studying at the university, students will become professionals and their expertise in new technologies will help transform job

markets and produce great work opportunities. As a result, careers such as engineering, communications and medicine remain at the top of the most popular and attractive studies among university students.

In this century, globalization has become a key element in all areas, and this is no exception in higher education. In the legal field, for example, there is an increase in students and attorneys around the world who decide to travel and study foreign laws and regulations. This is especially true in the case of the European Union

students. This month, however, we will focus on a group of U.S. Juris Doctor students from Florida who came to study law at the University of Granada.

Expertise is acquired in real practice or through graduate studies such as master's degrees and professional certificates. Graduate studies will help students become experts and excel in the job market. We are pleased to interview Dr. Guillermo Orozco who runs a two-master degree program in Business Law and Consumer Protection and Social Mediation.



Stetson University College of Law students at the Costa Azul Hotel in Granada

GUILLERMO OROZCO

Students research the faculty when they apply to universities and specific graduate programs. Who teaches at the Master Program you oversee at the University of Granada?

Our faculty has professors of law from Granada University Law School and the School of Business, as well as professors from other Spanish law schools such as Carlos III in Madrid and the University of Cordoba. Professors Diez Picazo, Xavier O'Callaghan, Carlos Lasarte, Alberto Bercovitz and Manuel Rebollo, to name a few. We also have prestigious faculty from other countries: Liliana Rossi and Nicola Scannichio from Italy; Norbert Horn, Stefan Leible and Ruben Stglitz from Germany; Danny MacFadden from England; T. Bourgoignie and Mario Frota from Portugal, etc. We invite legal professionals to guest lecture at our Program. These include public notaries, clerks of the court, judges, prosecutors, lawyers, department heads of governmental agencies, technicians and inspectors who all share their professional experiences with the students.

As a professor of law, what do you think is the greatest benefit of a master's degree to graduate students?

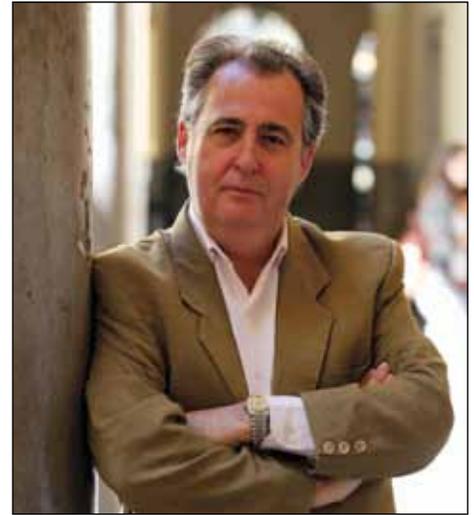
A master's degree is a professional specialization that will help students enter into the job market and build a better curriculum. In the Master in Business Law and Consumer Protection, students will learn how to work in teams with

experts and learn from each other's experiences. In addition, they will have the opportunity to intern at a prestigious institution. In my Master Programs, I especially like to teach and work with foreign students. I usually recruit foreign students for the Master Program so Spanish students can benefit from this experience. So far, we have had students from Lithuania, Brazil, Argentina, Germany, Venezuela and the U.S. They share different points of view with us and have a very interesting perception of our legal system. I am especially glad to see that after a couple of weeks they are fully integrated in the programs and they know the city and our educational activities very well.

What does the University of Granada offer foreign students?

The University of Granada welcomes foreign students and helps them understand Spanish culture and gain professional standards. The different colleges at the University of Granada provide these students with the necessary tools and knowledge in their fields of study that they will need to put into practice once they become professionals and work in important positions in other countries. Granada graduates work as head-teachers, judges, technicians and doctors, not only in Spain but around the world. For example, one of our former law students is a federal deputy in Brazil.

What activities and internship opportunities does the Master in Business Law and



Guillermo Orozco, Professor of Law and Director of the Master Degree in Business Law and Consumer Protection offered by the Postgraduate School of the University of Granada

Consumer Protection offer students?

This master's degree offers students the possibility of interning in different governmental agencies like the Court of Arbitration for Consumer Law Protection or the legal affairs office at the Health Department of the Region of Andalucía. They can also intern at prestigious national and international companies like Emagora or Puleva. Once they graduate, we offer students the possibility of a paid apprenticeship at different institutions and companies.

SILVIA MANZANERO | FROM CLASSICAL BALLET TO THE COURTROOM

Silvia finished her studies in classical ballet at the School of American Ballet in New York City. An injury prevented her from continuing her ballet career and led her to pursue her other dream, a career in political science. She is currently a law student at Stetson University College of Law in Florida. She is very persuasive when she speaks and has the perfect magnetism required to practice law. We talked to Silvia while listening to music from Tchaikovsky, and we asked her why she chose to study in Granada.

Stetson University College of Law offers different Summer Abroad Programs in Argentina, China, Switzerland, The Hague and Spain. Why did you choose the Spain Program in Granada?

I want to concentrate my law studies in Public International Law and in Immigration Law. The Office of International Programs at Stetson informed me that the Granada Summer Abroad Program's main courses were in the areas of Global Terrorism, International Criminal Law and Immigration Policy, and those are the key areas I have an interest in.

What is a legal career like in the U.S.?

Let me compare law studies in the U.S. and Spain. I have dual nationality and I know how studies work in Spain. Law studies in the United States are very different from law studies in Spain. In order to study

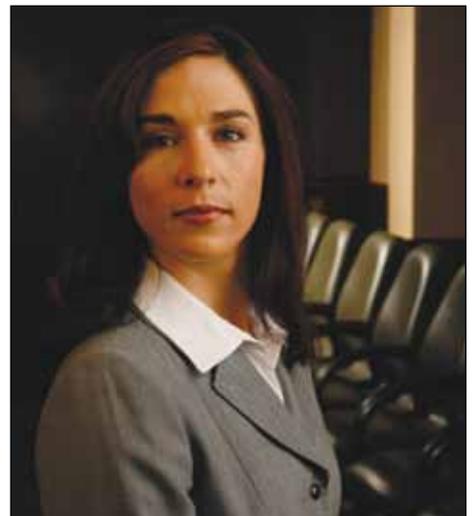
law in the United States, you have to earn a Bachelor of Science or Arts degree before you can apply to law school. I studied classical ballet in New York and earned an undergraduate degree. This degree is equivalent to a Licenciatura degree in Spain. There is an entrance exam specifically designed for law school in the United States. This exam tests your logic and capacity to analyze complex texts. Based on the results of the exam, you can be accepted in different law schools in the United States. You can prepare for this exam with many private companies.

How are studies financed in the U.S.?

There are scholarships from private organizations that target the Hispanic community, as well as other minorities and people with disabilities. There are also scholarships for talented students with a high GPA, and for volunteers and community leaders who have worked very hard and are awarded those scholarships in recognition of their efforts. Most of the students, however, apply for low-interest government loans and end up with a debt of about \$200,000 for their three years in law school.

How has the job market for an attorney been affected by the current financial crisis?

The financial crisis has affected the job market in general. Nevertheless, there are legal positions available for Stetson graduates.



Silvia Manzanero, St. Petersburg, Florida

DALLAN BUNCE | A PHILOSOPHER AND AN ATTORNEY

Inspired by the legacy of ancient Greece before he attended law school, Dallan earned a bachelor of arts with a major in philosophy that taught him to admire the relentless pursuit of the ultimate meaning of things. He completed his Juris Doctor Degree at Stetson University College of Law and is currently enrolled in the Master in Business Law and Consumer Protection offered by the University of Granada.

Why did you choose Granada?

We all know that Europe is the future. If I wanted to be competitive, I had to come here to learn how the European legal system works. In the future, I would like to work for an embassy or for the U.S. State Department since they are always looking for people who have a broader and more global perspective.

How do you like your law classes in Granada? Is law school in Spain similar or different from the U.S.?

Law professors in U.S. law schools call on students all the time and it is very competitive. There is stress, but that is exactly what we will have in real life. In the U.S. students feel more pressure, but they have better grades. In Spain I have never felt that much stress or competition. However, law students in Spain are very

well prepared and have excellent oratory skills. Communication among students and professors is open and relaxed.

What philosopher would have been a good attorney?

Aristotle. He was wise and clever; he knew how to persuade and make cogent arguments. Attorneys need wisdom and empathy, love for their clients, and, of course, favorable results in the courtroom.

How many months have you been in Granada? What is your favorite place?

I have been in Granada for three months. The Copa Cabana bar is my favorite place. I especially like the international environment there and the good music they play.

What is your favorite restaurant in Florida?

A Spanish tapas restaurant called "Cerviche."

What was the image you had of Spain before you came to study here?

When I was 16, I read "Don Quixote." I always remembered him and his "Quixotic journey." The landscapes in Castilla he described in his book...

Is there a place that touched your heart in Granada?

El Mirador de San Nicolás. When I was walking to el Mirador, I had the same feeling as when I walked along the Great Wall of China.



Dallan Bunce, Salt Lake City, Utah

It evokes sublime feelings in me.

What do you miss from your country?

Although it may seem weird, I miss the taste of Mexican food, nachos.

If you could change or argue for something in this city, what would it be?

I would change the fact that men have to pay to enter the pubs and women don't. This is also true for some bars in my country. I hope it changes.

JENNIFER ISAIAS | AN EXPERT IN INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS WHO CAME TO GRANADA TO COMPLETE HER MASTER IN BUSINESS LAW AND CONSUMER PROTECTION

You like to cultivate a universal mind that encourages cooperation. What caught your attention to come to Granada?

People are very young and beautiful in this city. I like the way they interact in their daily lives and in the university environment. I came here last year on a Stetson Summer Abroad Program, and that experience gave me the opportunity to appreciate the quality of life in this city and meet Professor Guillermo Orozco who encouraged me to apply for a master's degree at the University of Granada.

What skills do you think you need to work as an international jurist?

I believe that besides knowing the law, an international jurist has to be diplomatic and know the culture or country of the person he or she is representing. The cultural element is essential to recognize the economic, political and social circumstances that surround people.

Have your law studies complemented your previous career in international relations?

Absolutely. I studied international relations before I went to law school. I think this is a perfect combination because of the impact of modern globalization. The world has become much smaller because the internet and new technologies have reduced distances and made easier communications from one country to the other. We now live in a globalized world.

Is the American education system different from the one in Spain?

Yes, it is very different. In U.S. law schools, professors apply a Socratic method and they interact more with students. Professors also expect constant feedback from students. In Spain there is less interaction with professors, but it all depends on the course. I believe it's good to be able to adapt to a different educational system.



Jennifer Isaias, Tampa, Florida

PAUL PALACIOS | A COMPUTER ENGINEER AND EXPERT IN ELECTRONICS WHO DECIDED TO BECOME AN ATTORNEY

Paul decided to take a break and move from the scientific field to a more humanitarian field to help people. How is your life in Granada compared to the one you had in Florida?

I have a very active social life in Granada. I just go out and find unexpected events like rallies, gatherings and meetings. In Florida I spent more time at home.

What is your favorite course?

The European Union law class with Professor Javier Roldan. He has excellent communication skills that allow students to learn and have a good time, but he never loses control of the class.

Is there a computer engineer that could have been a good lawyer?

Steve Jobs from Apple. His aesthetic is “cool.” Marketing and image is very important for an attorney to be able to persuade people. It is a good combination since you can get people to say “yes” to everything you need.

Who is the most important attorney in the United States?

The most popular attorney in my country is President Obama. He has the skill to inspire

other people. I worked on his campaign with the Hispano-American Circle. We founded “Casa Obama” to support his campaign.

What was your job in his campaign?

Talk to voters. We organized events to train people and reach voters. We raised funds for his presidential campaign.

How do you see the situation in Spain?

Spain is facing the same financial crisis we faced in the U.S.—a real estate bubble. The major difference in the way the crisis is handled in Spain and the U.S. is cultural. American people are very self-sufficient and independent, whereas in Spain it seems that people are waiting for the government’s assistance to overcome this crisis. I believe that in order to overcome this situation, a dynamic work ethic of creativity needs to be reinforced by each individual.

What are the qualities that a good attorney must have?

The ability to “think outside the box.” We are enclosed in a box, but if you can think of an idea out of that area, that is a skill which can yield surprising results at trial.



Paul Palacios, Tampa, Florida

NELSON VARAJAO | A FORMER MARKETING AND PROJECT MANAGER WHO WANTS TO BECOME AN EXPERT IN CONSUMER PROTECTION AND BUSINESS LAW

Your family is from Portugal and you have dual nationality so I assume you know the European culture very well. Why did you choose to study in Granada?

Granada is a small but very cosmopolitan city that offers the opportunity to enjoy multicultural experiences. I really like Granada and its people, they are very open. I have only lived here for a few months, but I already have good friends who enrich my life.

What is your favorite place in Granada?

The city of Granada is amazing. No matter whether it is day or night, you can go outside and there will always be people walking, tourists, Spanish musicians playing on the streets. On my way to law school, I see people in the streets and I like to see how they share their lives with each other, how they interact and express their cultural wealth.

Can you list a couple of skills required to be a good attorney?

You must know the law, but that is just a detail. To apply the law and to persuade a jury, a good attorney has to immerse himself into the ideas, the spirit and soul of his client. This idea transcends the concept of whether the client is guilty or innocent. This concept puts the attorney in the best position to defend his client. The attorney must also understand and know his opponent since he may have to negotiate with opposing counsel. If you know what you want or need from the other party, that will help you to negotiate on behalf of your client. We cannot forget that there must always be a constant exchange of information between both parties so as an attorney you can reach the best solution for your client. Finally, good timing and knowledge of the process are key elements to speed cases up because ignorance only slows things down.



Nelson Varajo, Florida



Reception for Stetson University College of Law students in Granada

